

# MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

September 2003

## UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

Not seasonally adjusted

	Sept. 2002	Sept. 2003*
UNITED STATES	5.4%	5.8%
MONTANA	3.6%	4.0%
Cascade **	3.6%	4.2%
Missoula **	3.1%	3.5%
Yellowstone **	3.2%	3.1%
Beaverhead	3.5%	2.9%
Big Horn	13.1%	12.2%
Blaine	5.0%	4.4%
Broadwater	3.4%	4.2%
Carbon	3.1%	3.1%
Carter	1.9%	1.7%
Chouteau	2.2%	2.1%
Custer	2.3%	1.8%
Daniels	1.4%	0.8%
Dawson	1.9%	1.8%
Deer Lodge	4.9%	4.3%
Fallon	2.9%	1.9%
Fergus	3.6%	3.9%
Flathead	3.8%	6.1%
Gallatin	1.9%	2.1%
Garfield	1.4%	1.4%
Glacier	7.0%	9.2%
Golden Valley	2.3%	4.8%
Granite	4.7%	4.9%
Hill	3.2%	3.4%
Jefferson	4.0%	3.3%
Judith Basin	3.4%	3.4%
Lake	5.9%	6.0%
Lewis & Clark	3.6%	3.1%
Liberty	2.7%	2.4%
Lincoln	8.4%	13.5%
McCone	0.9%	1.2%
Madison	2.6%	2.8%
Meagher	3.1%	3.9%
Mineral	5.9%	7.9%
Musselshell	5.6%	6.9%
Park	2.8%	3.0%
Petroleum	2.4%	3.7%
Phillips	2.9%	2.5%
Pondera	3.5%	4.9%
Powder River	1.9%	1.2%
Powell	4.1%	4.1%
Prairie	2.8%	2.8%
Ravalli	3.7%	4.8%
Richland	4.8%	3.9%
Roosevelt	6.8%	7.8%
Rosebud	5.3%	5.9%
Sanders	5.6%	6.9%
Sheridan	2.3%	2.7%
Silver Bow	4.3%	4.3%
Stillwater	2.9%	3.0%
Sweet Grass	2.3%	3.0%
Teton	2.6%	2.9%
Toole	2.3%	2.7%
Treasure	2.2%	2.8%
Valley	2.4%	2.8%
Wheatland	3.2%	3.3%
Wibaux	2.5%	2.8%

\*September 2003 rate preliminary

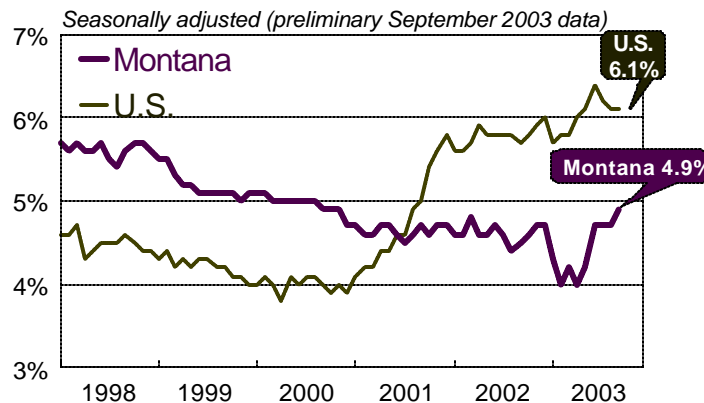
\*\* Cascade=Great Falls MSA

Missoula= Missoula MSA

Yellowstone=Billings MSA

## SEPTEMBER 2003 HIGHLIGHTS

### Unemployment



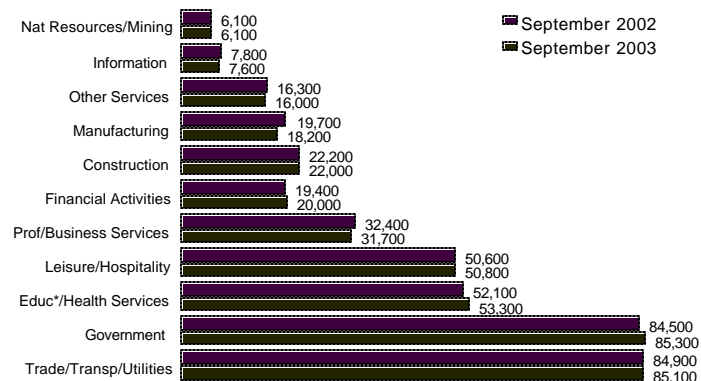
Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be lower than the U.S. rate. The state's September unemployment rate of 4.9 percent was 1.2 percentage points lower than the nation's.

### Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 3.4 percent over the year for September, outpacing the 2.3 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

## Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



\*Private educational services. (Public education is included in the government sector.)

Montana's seasonally-adjusted, nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 400 jobs (0.1 percent) over the year for September. The largest over-the-year gains were in private education & health services, government and financial activities.

## CENSUS 2000

### Who makes up Montana's current generations?

Montana population estimates have recently been updated.

Last month we highlighted the "Baby Boom" generation. The second quarter issue of the *Montana Employment and Labor Force Trends* addresses the parents of the Baby Boom generation, "Who's Taking Care of Aging Montanans?"

In this publication and future issues, we'll look briefly at the demographic definitions of Montana's current generations. The age and date ranges in the chart below are "rough" numbers. Ages were calculated based on the year 2003.

Montana's population, as of July 1, 2002, was **909,453**.

Generation	When Born	Current Age
WW II	1909 - 1929	73 - 93
Swing	1930 - 1945	58 - 72
Baby Boom	1946 - 1964	39 - 57
Baby Bust (Gen X)	1965 - 1976	27 - 38
Baby Boom Echo (Gen Y)	1977 - 1994	9 - 26
Echo Bust (Gen Z)	1995+	8 and younger

Research & Analysis Bureau

Workforce Services Division

Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry

840 Helena Ave.

P.O. Box 1728

Helena MT 59624

406-444-2430

FAX 406-444-2638

TDD 406-444-0532

online at: [www.ourfuture.org](http://www.ourfuture.org)

**MAIL  
OR E-MAIL?**

**Please let us know!**

If you would like us to e-mail you a reminder and a link to this publication on our website each month, e-mail 1) your mailing address as it appears on this pub and 2) your e-mail address to us at:

**mediacontacts4rad@state.mt.us**

You'll get the publication much faster (*in living color*) and we'll save money on printing and postage!

3,000 copies of this publication were produced at a unit cost of 43 cents per copy for a total cost of \$1,290.00, which includes \$180.00 for printing and \$1,110.00 for distribution.

# LMICONFERENCE 2003

## Our Facts - Your Future

November 12-14, 2003

Great Northern Hotel - Helena, MT

For more information:

**[www.ourfactsyourfuture.org](http://www.ourfactsyourfuture.org)**



Labor Market Information - how can it help you? This conference is a great opportunity to learn how our facts are your future.

Learn strategies for linking employment, education and economic development to build the highly-skilled workforce needed in today's workplace!

Montana Job Training Partnership (MJTP) and the Research and Analysis Bureau of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry have partnered to host the Labor Market Information Conference for Montana's Workforce Development System.



**Call today and reserve your place: MJTP, Gwen Knight, 406-444-1320.**